

In response to the no-call legislation... prior to the institution of the no-calls legislation in Indiana...I would return home from work daily with anywhere from 10 to 25 calls on my answering machine....mostly hangups. My phone would ring incessantly every evening, all day Saturday and Sunday, up to 10 p.m. at night. I couldn't take a shower, sit outside and enjoy the evening, have a quiet meal, without the phone ringing off the hook. Holidays were not without the hassles either. Thanks to the no-call laws, I know that when my phone rings that it is going to be a personal call for me, and not some hard-driving, fast talking salesman who forces me to be rude and hang up. My evenings, weekends are my own without the hassle of the phone ringing off the hook. As a divorced woman, living alone, it is a comfort to know that the incessant hangups were not a result of someone trying to hassle me, or scare me, but merely telemarketing calls. Phones are for personal privacy, personal use, and are a personal convenience, not to be used as a "junk-mail" vehicle. There are other media outlets available, TV, radio, newspapers, for all those organizations that feel the need to "reach out and touch someone" in order to sell their products, or to solicit donations for charities. PLEASE, do not let the government change a law that currently seems to be working just fine, thank you, in the State of Indiana. If the law is diluted so it can be all things to all organizations and groups, full of exceptions for everything, then it will be worthless as a whole, and we will be right back to where we were a few months ago. This should be a state issue, not a federal government issue.